

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
MCCRACKEN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2002 TAXES**

April 30, 2003



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To the People of Kentucky
Honorable Ernie Fletcher, Governor
Robbie Rudolph, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
Honorable Danny Orazine, McCracken County Judge/Executive
Honorable Frank G. Augustus, McCracken County Sheriff
Members of the McCracken County Fiscal Court

The enclosed report prepared by Berger & Company CPA, PSC, Certified Public Accountants, presents the Sheriff's Settlement - 2002 Taxes for McCracken County Sheriff as of April 30, 2003.

We engaged Berger & Company CPA, PSC to perform the financial audit of this statement. We worked closely with the firm during our report review process; Berger & Company CPA, PSC evaluated the McCracken County Sheriff's internal controls and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

Enclosure



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
MCCRACKEN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2002 TAXES

April 30, 2003

Berger & Company, CPA, PSC has completed the audit of the Sheriff's Settlement - 2002 Taxes for McCracken County Sheriff as of April 30, 2003. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

The Sheriff collected taxes of \$19,107,330 for the districts for 2002 taxes, retaining commissions of \$649,519 to operate the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff distributed taxes of \$18,355,815 to the districts for 2002 Taxes. Taxes of \$8,061 are due to the districts from the Sheriff and refunds of \$349 are due to the Sheriff from the taxing districts.

Deposits:

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the McCracken County Sheriff's Settlement - 2002 Taxes as of April 30, 2003. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the McCracken County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

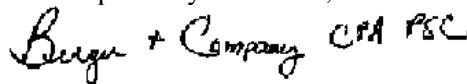
As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the McCracken County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid as of April 30, 2003, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 19, 2003, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Berger & Company CPA, PSC

Audit fieldwork completed -
August 19, 2003

MCCRACKEN COUNTY
FRANK G. AUGUSTUS, COUNTY SHERIFF
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2002 TAXES

April 30, 2003

<u>Charges</u>	Special			
	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Real Estate	\$ 2,417,127	\$ 2,951,700	\$ 6,606,456	\$ 2,993,869
Tangible Personal Property	270,275	589,761	949,195	1,469,597
Intangible Personal Property				515,112
Increases Through Exonerations	8,947	11,773	28,456	16,879
Franchise Corporation	261,653	297,899	516,494	
Additional Billings	6,391	94,326	26,293	20,136
Penalties	15,802	21,192	40,755	23,682
Adjusted to Sheriff's Receipt	2,622	3,354	(318)	50
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	<u>\$ 2,982,817</u>	<u>\$ 3,970,005</u>	<u>\$ 8,167,331</u>	<u>\$ 5,039,325</u>
<u>Credits</u>				
Exonerations	\$ 22,562	\$ 109,418	\$ 66,093	\$ 43,422
Discounts	40,259	51,650	115,803	76,415
Delinquents:				
Real Estate	56,266	66,808	115,483	69,687
Tangible Personal Property	5,321	96,433	32,511	66,251
Intangible Personal Property				11,956
Uncollected Franchise	1,208	1,652	2,950	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 125,616</u>	<u>\$ 325,961</u>	<u>\$ 332,840</u>	<u>\$ 267,731</u>
Taxes Collected	\$ 2,857,201	\$ 3,644,044	\$ 7,834,491	\$ 4,771,594
Less: Commissions *	121,719	128,858	195,862	203,080
Taxes Due	\$ 2,735,482	\$ 3,515,186	\$ 7,638,629	\$ 4,568,514
Taxes Paid	2,715,749	3,495,850	7,624,828	4,519,388
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	19,649	16,567	11,194	46,874
Due Districts or (Refunds Due Sheriff)		**		
as of Completion of Fieldwork	<u>\$ 84</u>	<u>\$ 2,769</u>	<u>\$ 2,607</u>	<u>\$ 2,252</u>

* And ** See Page 4

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

MCCRACKEN COUNTY
 FRANK G. AUGUSTUS, COUNTY SHERIFF
 SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2002 TAXES
 April 30, 2003
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* Commissions:

10% on	\$	10,000
4.25% on	\$	10,194,102
1% on	\$	778,065
2.5% on	\$	7,834,491
4% on	\$	290,672

** Special Taxing Districts:

Library District	\$	635
Health District		292
Mental Health		397
Lone Oak City		371
Extension		480
Paducah Junior College		(58)
Reidland Fire		461
Hendron Fire		172
West McCracken Fire		(291)
Concord Fire		40
Lone Oak Fire		183
Melber Fire		87

Due Districts or (Refunds Due Sheriff)	\$	<u>2,769</u>
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MCCRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 2003

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The Sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of April 30, 2003, the Sheriff's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the Sheriff's agent in the Sheriff's name, or provided surety bond which named the Sheriff as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

MCCRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
April 30, 2003
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Note 3. Tax Collection Period

A. Property Taxes

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2002. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2003. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was October 9, 2002 through April 30, 2003.

Note 4. Interest Income

The McCracken County Sheriff earned \$10,903 as interest income on 2002 taxes. As of August 19, 2003, the Sheriff owes \$414 in interest to the school district and the Sheriff's fee account owes the Sheriff's tax account \$626 due to an overpayment of interest. Amounts paid to the fee account for interest are used to operate the Sheriff's office.

Note 6. Sheriff's 10% Add-On Fee

The McCracken County Sheriff collected \$78,912 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.430(3). This amount will be used to operate the Sheriff's office. As of August 19, 2003, the Sheriff owes \$900 in 10% add-on fees to his fee account.

Note 7. Advertising Costs And Fees

The McCracken County Sheriff collected \$4,080 of advertising costs and \$6,825 of advertising fees allowed by KRS 424.330(1) and KRS 134.440(2). The Sheriff distributed the advertising costs to the county as required by statute, and the advertising fees will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the McCracken County Sheriff's Settlement - 2002 Taxes as of April 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated August 19, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the McCracken County Sheriff's Settlement - 2002 Taxes as of April 30, 2003 is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the McCracken County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report On Compliance And On Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

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